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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

36 October 7, 2014

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE SHERIFF TO APPLY FOR FUTURE GRANT
FUNDING AND TO SUBMIT AND EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED
GRANT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request Board approval authorizing the Sheriff of the Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) to apply to Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as private entities, for grant funding as such funding becomes available in current and future fiscal years. Prior to applying for any such grant, the Department will submit an advance notification to the Board that the Department intends to apply for grant funding. The Department will proceed with the grant application submission in two weeks unless otherwise instructed by the Board. The recommended action will allow the Department to meet required deadlines for submission of grant applications, certifications, and assurances for grant opportunities. In the event the Department is selected for a potential grant award, the Department would return to the Board to request delegated authority to accept and execute the award documents.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Delegate authority to the Sheriff, as an agent for the County, to apply and submit grant applications to Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as private entities, for grant programs in the current and future fiscal years where the filing period to submit applications is open for less than 13 weeks, and to execute all required grant application documents, including assurances and certifications, when and if such future funding becomes available.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department currently applies for and receives grant funding from Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as private entities. This alternate funding for various projects and programs affords the Department resources to perform tasks that may not normally be fiscally viable. The Department ensures that all granting agencies fiscal and accounting requirements are met.

As required by the County Grants Manual, the Department shall obtain Board approval to apply for various grants, and when selected for a potential grant award, the Department seeks Board approval and authorization to accept the grant funding. The current procedure for requesting Board approval requires a minimum of six weeks. Meanwhile, the filing period to submit grant applications may be as little as four weeks. The Department has found itself in the position of having little or no time to review the grant requirements, solicit interest from Department units, form a grant proposal, complete the necessary grant application documents, prepare a Board letter, and have that letter reviewed by County Counsel, before the deadline for the Public Safety Cluster Agenda Review (CAR) meeting. Consequently, the Department has had to forgo applying for certain grant opportunities.

Therefore, the delegated authority being requested is to allow the Sheriff to apply for future grant opportunities where the filing period to submit an application is open for less than 13 weeks. This would afford the Department the opportunity to fund worthwhile projects or services not otherwise supported in the Department's budget. If potential funding is offered to the Department, acceptance of a grant award will still require Board approval and authorization to execute the grant award agreement.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommendations are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability, by maximizing the effectiveness of process, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public service. These modifications to the grant funding would allow the Department to increase services benefitting the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended action will have no fiscal impact. If the Sheriff is selected for potential grant funding, the Department will seek approval from the Board to accept and execute the grant award documents, addressing any fiscal impact of the particular grant award in the accompanying Board letter.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County Grants Manual, Chapter 3, Section I, states that "all applications" that require a "duly authorized" signature must be approved by the Board prior to submittal of the application." Should the recommended action be approved, the Department would be allowed to apply for future grant opportunities that have an open filing period of less than 13 weeks.

Prior to applying for any such grant, the Department will submit an advance notification to the Board

that the Department intends to apply for grant funding. The Department will proceed with the grant application submission in two weeks unless otherwise instructed by the Board.

Acceptance of grant awards will still require Board approval and authorization to execute the grant award agreements.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

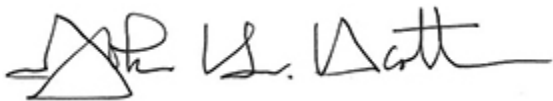
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will have no impact on current services. However, there is potential positive impact on future services by allowing the Department the opportunity to apply for various grant programs that otherwise may not be fiscally viable.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two individually certified copies of the adopted Board letter to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John L. Scott", with a stylized initial "JL" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

JOHN L. SCOTT

Sheriff

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